

The Wichita Eagle.

WICHITA, KANSAS, JUNE 20, 1913.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS

David Hayes went to Cheyenne agency on Monday.

See notice of special election for school improvement bonds on July 12th.

Mrs. Emory, of Iowa City, sister of Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. Jones, is in the city visiting.

C. C. Crawford, Mr. Harman and Abner W. Sherman were up from Wellington Tuesday.

The Juvenile Band has added a sixty-dollar violin tuba to their other instruments.

Frank Armstrong, who has been absent in the Mexican mines since February, returned Monday.

Dr. Kelly will be absent next Sunday at Howard City, where he goes to dedicate a new church.

C. E. Peirce, U. S. Revenue Collector and Agent, was in the city Monday looking up creditors.

Rev. Mr. McEwan, late of Chicago, will preach in the Baptist Church next Sunday morning and evening.

Lee Taylor writes that his field crew in Grant township was in silk on the 21st inst. We tally one for Grant.

Mr. Robert Jacks, of menagerie fame, returned from St. Louis Sunday, where he has been for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. A. C. Keever, of Topeka, accompanied by Mrs. Key and Miss Marie Smith, are in the city for a month's visit.

Mr. George Ross returned from St. Louis Saturday, where he had been looking after his hog and wheat shipping interests.

Rev. S. Price will preach at the M. E. Church next Sabbath morning, July 2d, and Rev. Mr. Pfaffenberger in the evening.

N. M. Hutcheson, of Clayton, Michigan, was in the county last week, visiting his nephew, W. M. Southwick. They called on the Eagle.

July, it is predicted, will be the hottest month known in years. Keep up your eyes, hair and lightning, and bring on your heat.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McLean wish to express their sincere thanks to the kind friends who rendered assistance during the sickness of their little babe.

J. P. Allen, W. S. Corbett, O. B. Stocker and Mr. James went over to El Dorado last Monday, and instituted a command of Knights Templar.

Dr. De Low goes this week, or next, to Colorado to renew, if possible, his shattered health and strength. We wish him a pleasant summer and a safe return.

Richards & Rogers closed their old and well known business house this week. A notice elsewhere will be found of importance to those owing the firm an account.

Col. D. M. S. Smith, one of the Eagle's old stand-bys, called last week. The colonel spent a greater portion of the spring at a watering place in Missouri, and was greatly humiliated by it.

Mr. R. G. Lindsey and Ella J. Lyons, of Erie county, Pennsylvania, in making a trip of recreation through the west, made our place, and their friend Mr. W. O. Hammond, a visit last week.

Henry Richards came in from Medicine Lodge, arriving in this city Sunday evening, in company with Orion Rogers, his partner. He says the destruction of crop west of Cowbird by the hail beggars description.

The Frisco road, which has, since its construction, used the Missouri Pacific track from Franklin to St. Louis, is about to build an independent track into the city, a distance of forty miles. The city last week passed an ordinance providing the right to run into the union depot.

Mr. H. M. Gray, who was with Todd & Royal in the early days of Wichita, when that firm ran a grocery store here, is back again. He is a brother-in-law to Dr. Doyle, and reaching here in the night the town had no grain and enlarged that he could not locate the home of his old friend.

There is a heavier coat of grass on the prairie just now than there has been at any time in the past three years. There will be no trouble in finding it long enough to make hay this year as was the case some years ago. The last season was still out of the banks, and up within eight inches of as high as the year of the flood. It looked fair by line over his loss, and we don't wonder.

Sedgewick county is boasting of late many agriculturists and stock raisers of means who are making themselves at home in the neighborhood that will rival in artistic taste, comfort and embellishment the finer homes of eastern counties. A gentleman who owns a large estate of high grades and thoroughbreds is putting in a fancy fountain in the front yard in the southern part of this county.

On Thursday last week, says the Anthony Republic, a charter was filed for an organization to build and equip a railroad over the southern survey made by Gould last winter from Parsons to Medicine Lodge through the southern part of the county, to a branch from Wichita to Anthony. Ex-Lieut. Gen. Humphreys is one of the directors, and the Republic says the scheme is backed by eastern capitalists.

The second trial of Mr. Fritz Sauter was called Monday, and the process of empaneling a jury ensued, which was completed by Tuesday noon, consisting of the named gentlemen: S. C. Carmichael, E. W. Israel, John Hollingsworth, W. C. Jones, Andrew Parrott, Ernest Lusk, E. A. Chatfield, A. M. Hay, H. W. Stewart, John E. Brown, Wm. L. Taylor and A. S. Johnson. When the trial terminated would be as hard to guess as what the verdict of the jury will be.

We initiated last week that it was no bad thing for a number of the men of this community who are called fully the "city fathers" of the prohibition law, to practice what they preach, by tasting not, handling not, nor keeping in their homes the accursed thing. Numerous exceptions and doubts of the truth of the assertion have been expressed for our benefit since. All right, gentlemen; you only guess, and we know. Our suggestion brings out a communication from a teetotaler, which will be found elsewhere.

W. A. Plummer, an old subscriber to the Eagle, writes from Idaho, Pennsylvania, under date of June 18th: "We are having very poor corn weather. Slight frosts night after night and cool yet. The grass crop promises well, as do all except corn. Times early money plenty, and excursions and shows correspondingly numerous. The Sugarhanna Valley is cursed with the ague and chills, something that has not afflicted this section for forty years until last summer. Your recent suggestions to farmers respecting the sending of samples to eastern fairs, are good. They are the best advertisement, especially at county and town fairs."

Mr. John Fisher, of the postoffice, received a dispatch last Thursday evening announcing the sudden death of Thos. Garfield, uncle of President Garfield, and under to Mrs. Fisher. On the 22nd, shortly after 1 o'clock, while driving Mrs. Alonzo Arnold, a sister of Dr. Byington, and cousin of the President, across the New York & Pennsylvania railway, when an east bound train struck the buggy, instantly killing Mr. Garfield, and so badly fracturing Mrs. Arnold's skull that she cannot live. The accident happened about twelve miles from Cleveland. The buggy was knocked and dragged over a mile and a half. Mr. Fisher was over eighty years old, but Mr. Fisher informs us was a hale and hearty old gentleman, full of life and energy. He leaves seven children.

THE TURNER OPERA HOUSE.



The Eagle, from time to time, has published illustrations of almost every important office building in the city, including business houses, hotels, residences, mills, elevators, etc. Having through the new business manager, E. E. Craddock, secured a cut of the Turner Opera House, we herewith present it. It is built by a stock subscription two years ago, and is undoubtedly one of the most excellent in all its appointments to be found in the West, being designed by a Chicago architect who has won an enviable reputation for his opera houses and theatres. It is heated by steam, lit by gas, and has a seating capacity of one thousand. The stage is 30x50 feet and is supplied with all modern improvements, the scenery consisting of twelve complete sets with flys and wings to match. Unusually the stage is three large dressing rooms, nicely furnished. The auditorium is on the ground floor with three principal exits, besides two others at the back of the stage, so that it is absolutely safe in case of fire. Besides the auditorium, stage and dressing rooms, it contains a turners' hall on the front second floor, and an office and also a cloak-room on the first floor on either side of the entrance hall. The building is 50x140 feet and is an ornament to the city, and under the control of L. W. Dittman and Chris. Kimmeler, the directors for the year, and E. E. Craddock as solicitor and manager promises to flourish.

DEATH OF EDWARD PENDERGAST.

The storm of Saturday night, which so frightened the city by its awful sublimity, left in its wake a deadly heartbreak, a stricken heart and a pall that cannot be lifted. From the labors of the week end Edward Pendergast sought the quiet and repose of his little home, his hope animated by the bright promise of a new shop and stock, and his heart full of trust for the future—hope for another Sabbath day's rest and contentment. But, alas! Death's messenger lurked in his black ambush of fogging storm cloud, and without any note of warning thrust forth his flashing death and his unsuspecting and unguarded victim lay dead within the threshold of his own home. His wife, who was in his room, and his children, his mother and comfort, and the only one, for the many happy years had brought him no children to the home of Edward Pendergast, was away that dreadful night on an errand of mercy at the bedside of a sick neighbor and thus was left all unconscious of the shadow that was enveloping her home, her all, not a stone's throw away, until the light of the new dawn, when, after an agonizing hour, she found her husband's dead body prone at her feet.

With what surprise, and with what a pang, she found her husband's dead body prone at her feet.

As if to mar the scene, a dark storm cloud, a slight moment's notice she also died.

And then, unconscious, near his little bed, completing the intensity of the desolate picture.

Edward Pendergast was a quiet, unobtrusive man, an affectionate and loving husband and an upright and respected citizen. He had, but lately, started a business and a shop of his own, and it was only last Wednesday afternoon that he was in his new place telling him of a calamity which the deadly lightning had carried to another home. His sympathies were awakened and he offered to contribute, but something told us not to take his money, and we laughingly said, "well, I won't call on you till the next time."

Edward Pendergast came, we think, from Missouri, and has for a long time been in the employ of Chas. Garrison. He was a lieutenant in the Second Missouri Infantry and served, throughout the war, his country and the cause of freedom. He had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, but had not identified himself with the organization here. He was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the members of which took charge of the funeral. His funeral service was held Monday afternoon at Dr. Kelley at the M. E. Church and a large procession followed his remains to their last resting place.

"Why is life given?"

To be thus wrested from us? rather why? What we receive, would either not accept, life after death, or soon beg to lay it down, glad to be dismissed in peace?

THE STORM OF SATURDAY NIGHT.

A fearful destruction of property and of crops is several sections of Sedgewick county.

Our record of storms for the season has been supplemented by one at home, the sum of whose destruction is a discouraging index, to all, and to many farmers of Sedgewick county, heart-breaking. Following a heavy rain commenced falling last Wednesday. On Friday night, what seemed a calm, a lull in the storm, swept over the valley. The fall of rain from the north and west, and the electrical phenomena wonderful. With this storm, which filled streams and ravines with hail, and converted depressions into lakes, came a hail and wind storm that, within the compass of a few minutes, swept to destruction the fruits of months of toil and hope. The first rains came from the northeast, an exceptional direction, after which the wind shifted to the north and west, and the electrical phenomena wonderful. 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